

WE CLAIM:

1. A disposable lid for covering and closing the open end of a beverage cup, comprising:
  - a top surface, a side surface extending downwardly from the top surface, and a lip-engaging portion; wherein the lip-engaging portion is defined by a top wall and an outer wall, the outer wall joined together with the side surface by the top wall; wherein the top surface is spaced apart from the lip engaging portion and is joined together with the lip engaging portion by the side surface; and wherein the top surface comprises at least one depressed area formed therein for receiving and containing foodstuff.
2. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the at least one depressed area has a depth sufficient for receiving and containing the foodstuff.
3. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the at least one depressed area comprises a side wall extending downwardly from the top surface and a bottom wall located sufficiently below the top surface to receive and contain the foodstuff.
4. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the lip-engaging portion is formed around the periphery of the disposable lid.
5. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the foodstuff includes condiments such as ketchup, mustard, and barbecue sauce.
6. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the top surface further comprises a straw-receiving opening for receiving a drinking straw.

7. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the top surface further comprises an advertising portion for including information indicative of a business using the disposable lid.

8. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the top surface further comprises at least one beverage-designating marker for indicating a type of beverage included within the beverage cup.

9. The disposable lid of claim 1, wherein the disposable lid is made of a thermoformable plastic.

10. A disposable lid for covering and closing the open end of a container, comprising:

a top surface, a side surface extending downwardly from the top surface, and a lip-engaging portion;

wherein the lip-engaging portion is defined by a top wall and an outer wall, the outer wall joined together with the side surface by the top wall;

wherein the top surface is spaced apart from the lip engaging portion and is joined together with the lip engaging portion by the side surface; and

wherein the top surface comprises at least one depressed area formed therein for receiving and containing foodstuff.

11. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the at least one depressed area has a depth sufficient for receiving and containing the foodstuff.

12. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the at least one depressed area comprises a side wall extending downwardly from the top surface and a bottom wall located sufficiently below the top surface to receive and contain the foodstuff.

13. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the lip-engaging portion is formed around the periphery of the disposable lid.

14. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the foodstuff includes condiments such as ketchup, mustard, and barbecue sauce.

15. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the top surface further comprises an advertising portion for including information indicative of a business using the disposable lid.

16. The disposable lid of claim 10, wherein the disposable lid is made of a thermoformable plastic.